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Title: ULTRASONIC SURGICAL SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers for the above-referenced patent application:

1. Amendment A, in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006 (11 pages).
2. This transmittal, including a petition for 3-month extension of time (2 pages).

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action of March 23, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing/Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Discussion begin on page 8 of this paper.

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